2nd March 1929].

(b) the extent of acreage both wet and irrigable dry reported to have resulted in failure of crops for the last ten years owing to this insufficient supply of water;

(c) whether it is a fact that this insufficiency of supply of water is due to the above lands being situated at the tail end of a channel which is also to serve a number of other villages; and

(d) whether there have been any proposals to give the above villages a separate channel?

A.—(*a*) *to* (*d*) The Government have no information on the points mentioned. A report has been called for.

STARRED QUESTIONS

Agriculture

Transfer of the buffalo-breeding station to Guntur.

* 1640 Q.—Mr. R. NAGAN GOWDA: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) when the buffalo-breeding station was started and where;

(b) when it was transferred to Guntur; and

(c) what were the reasons for the transfer?

A.—(a) In 1919–20 at Samalkota.

(b) In June 1923.

(c) Buffalo calves of the country type were purchased for the Samalkota station after testing the milking capacity of their dams and these animals were reared. But the animals were small in size and did not find favour in the locality as breeding stock. This lack of size was attributed to their stunted growth at the time of purchase due to the common practice of neglecting to feed bull calves. It was accordingly decided to re-start the work on better lines by purchasing milch buffalos and rearing our own calves along proper methods of feeding and at the same time by introducing Delhi blood. For this purpose, a better place was needed and the Lam Reserve in Guntur was selected as the best place.

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR:—"May I know if the Government are satisfied that the result was poor?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR:—"That is what we think."

Objects of the buffalo-breeding station.

*1641 Q.—Mr. R. NAGAN GOWDA: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) the object with which the buffalo-breeding station was started;

(b) the number of years it has been in existence;

(c) how many buffalo bulls have been sent out for breeding purposes; and

(d) how many have been sent or sold to ryots in the Ceded districts and in the Bellary district?